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VALUABLE Liaison Report
16 July - 15 August 1954

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Headquarters' Action Required

None - for information and files.

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Synopsis of Events

☐ returns from trip to Trieste, Austria,
and Rome o/a 25 July.

VALUABLE concern over Lavrion situation.

☐ leaves Athens o/a 12 August.

Account of Developments

27 July

1. ☐ returned from a three week trip to Trieste, Austria, and Rome o/a 25 July and met with the writer on the 27th of the month. At this meeting the local VALUABLE officer passed the text of a proposed leaflet on the subject of the 20 July developments within the Albanian Government. According to ☐, this had been written in Rome in close co-ordination with HTNEIGH, who had expressed the idea a tract would be most appropriate. ☐ had proposed that London handle printing and air drop but had been refused. Hence he turned to OBOPUS. I welcomed this contribution and stated it would be given every consideration for inclusion in the September OBKEEK. I explained the August OBKEEK which was already on the press featured news of Hoxha's removal and, therefore, we would not handle this text as a separate leaflet. ☐ will include a synopsis of the text in his cable on September OBKEEK contents. At this meeting ☐, was passed copies of the July OBKEEK and was advised our FRIDAY team had successfully completed its mission with no other details. With respect to his stopover in Rome

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which was done at London's request [] [] advised [] [] he found HTNEIGH getting along as well as could be expected without any guiding hands about. [] [] stated he had met a variety of political figures he had never known in the past (ORNESS and BGPREFIX leaders) and added he sided with Rome in their desire to keep QKPALING in Rome. There was no reference of any sort to non-HTNEIGH politicians and their activities. As reported in the previous monthly report the main purpose of [] []'s trip was to recontact his 1953 LUCID team which had beached Trieste. The report on their agent activities was very negative and has an all too familiar ring. The team on its second attempt to penetrate the country did manage to work their way north towards Korce but then the guide lost his way, the team was seen by civilians and soldiers, and a fire fight followed in which casualties were inflicted upon the attackers before they broke for the Yugoslav border. As always the case their new hosts gave them a very difficult time but finally gave them permission to leave the country. One team member remained in Yugoslavia with a newly acquired wife. Headquarters and London are familiar with VALUABLE efforts to have some of this team enrolled in JEPARSON.

6 August

2. [] [] purpose in visiting the writer on 6 August was to urge this office to take the Lavrion situation to the Greek authorities and ask to have the troublemakers moved. As this has been commented on in full in other current reports, nothing further is included except that I definitely indicated to [] [] we were deeply concerned and proposed to take definite steps with [] [] [] [] apologized for asking us to bear this cross and explained he unfortunately could not bring any pressure to bear on the authorities these days. At this meeting I passed a memo on our overflight of 16 July and received a memo confirming officially LABORIOUS had been scrubbed. [] [] acknowledged this was done on policy grounds which may also extend to leaflet raids. [] [] reported he was planning to go on leave in late August but a call to his office at the close of the report period indicated he had already left Athens for an undisclosed destination.

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